

Appin. No.: 10/672,735
Response to Restriction Requirement Dated February 2, 2006

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Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-41 are pending in this application and have been restricted. The Restriction is divided into two groups as follows:

- I. Claims 1-5, and 7-35, drawn to a method for producing a double D loop, classified in class 435, subclass 6.
- II. Claims 6 and 36-41, drawn to a nucleotide acid molecule, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1.

Applicant elects Group I with traverse. Specifically, Applicant submits that a thorough search for Group I should also include the subject matter of Group II since the method of Group I produces the nucleic acid molecule set forth in the claims of Group II. As such, the subject matter of these Groups cited by the Examiner is sufficiently small and is so closely related as to be capable of examination together.

Prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested. Consideration and allowance of the claims is requested. The foregoing is believed to be fully responsive to this office action. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is cordially requested to telephone the undersigned.

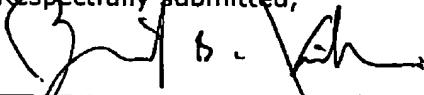
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In the event any fee has been inadvertently overlooked and is required, Commissioner
is hereby authorized to charge any required fee or credit any overpayment to **Deposit**
Account No. 50-3570.

Respectfully submitted,



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